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SUBJECT.

Food Supply arrangements.

(L 341) To, The Food Controller in Mysore
& President Cy - Municipal Council
Mysore
& Cantt & Cat
No G 25356-88 dt 6.5.20.
Permits as a Special Case the sale of
the present Consignment of Bombay Rice
(879-68) bales at 5 seers per rupee.

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Food supplies. arrangements

From The Food Controller in Rgn

No. C 225 Dated 19. 3. 20 Received 22. 3. 20

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits a copy of letter no 734 G 17th March 1920 from the President Rgn City Municipal Council Suggesting that Rangoon rice may be sold at not less than 5 Annas a rupee & broken rice at 7 Annas a rupee in the Municipal depots of the Rgn city areas.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Perusal of the cost price & states that he cannot recommend that Burma rice shd be sold in Rgn at a fixed rate whatever the cost may be but that the Retail purchases may be sold at the rates recommended.

Subd for orders.

hg.
22/3/20

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The proposal to sell at fixed rate of 5 Seers per Rupee of Broken rice 7 seers per rupee may be sanctd if the Mills agree to make good the Small loss. The T.C. accepts this rate for Feb & March allotments only. This may be appd and its effect watched, information as suggested above being obtd in the meanwhile if necessy.

MK
22/3/19

Chief Secy)

I regret I am not in favour of selling Burma rice at a loss, in the hope that such sale will tend to reduce the price of local rice. Local merchants are shrewd enough to find out the real situation & they will simply lie low till the Govt rice is all sold out. It is I think quite enough if the depots sell Burma rice at practically cost price & they will prevent local rice rising in price inordinately making allce for differences in quality & the prejudices of people. If the cost price of rice rice comes to between 20 & 21 Rs, the rice can be sold at 4¾ seers per rupee or so. Even the price of Burma rice is likely to go up in May & June a bit, & we cannot keep up the rate of 5 seers a

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indefinitely, even if the loss at present is likely to be small.

Dewan

CBK
26/3/20

I quite see. MM 26/3
We can raise opinion well at
any rate this can't prevent
even
27.3.20 MM
29/3

Draft submitted
herewith
30/3/20
Chief Sec'y)

MM
30/3/20

Issue
CBK
7/4/20
MM 7/4

To The Controller
No. G 23200 dt. 8-4-20
With ref. to Sl. 28 S. State of the Govt are
not in favour of selling the rice at rates
less than the Cost price, and consider that
it will be sufficient if Burma rice is
sold at the depots at practically Cost Price

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324 From the Dy Controller
no 5007 of 19/20 - 4-20.
With reference to cl 304, forwarding for orders a copy of letter no 877 of 17th April 1920 from the President City Mc Council regarding the sale of Burma rice at Mysore at 5 seers a rupee -
In para 7 of the President's letter it is stated that the Dewan "has been pleased to permit the sale of the present consignment of rice at 5 seers the rupee"
Draft G.O submitted
by
24/4/20
(Chief Sec)
Dewan

DEWAN'S OFFICE.
Recd. on APR 30 1920
Reg. No. 7407.

Draft appd by Dewan 4/5/20 29/4 M 30/4

Issue M 4/5

To
The Food Controller,
President, City Mc Council, Mysore
Comptroller
No G. 25-35-6-8 dy 6/5/20

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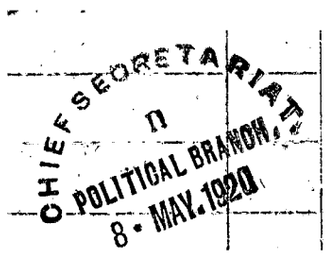
With refet to SL 324, Permits to as a Special case the sale of the present Consignment of Burma rice at Mysore (879.63 pallas) at 5 seers per rupee.



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Tel : Address

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Office of the Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

Bangalore, Dated..Camp Mysore, 19th March.....192 0

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SECTION.

FILE NO.

FROM

K. MATTHAN ESQ., B. A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit herewith a copy of letter No.734 of the 17th instant from the President of the Mysore City Municipal Council, in whichthe President suggests that Rangoon rice may be sold at not less than 5 seers a rupee and broken rice at 7 seers a rupee in the municipal depots of the Mysore City irrespective of the cost price

The rice purchased by me in February can barely be sold in Bangalore at 5 seers a rupee. By selling it in Mysore at the same rate we shou be incurring a loss of about 10 annas a palla. the rate at which broken rice has been purchased it will, I believe, be possible to sell it at 7 seers a rupee in Mysore. I cannot recommend that Burma rice should be sold in Mysore at a fixed rate whatever the cost price may be, but I am of opinion that the February and March purchases may be sold at the rates recommended b the President. The loss of ten annas to ten ann and a half is not very great and is worth incurr if it will have a general favourable effect

Letter No. 734 dated 17th March 1920 from the President, City Municipal Council, Mysore, to the Food Controller & Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to the "Ellenga" consignment of 650 bags of Burma rice, received from Messrs. Wil & Co., Clearing Agents at Madras, out of the Febr allotment, I have the honour to forward herewith statement showing the actual weight of 650 bags o rice and the amount of freight, carthire etc., pai therefor

For determining the retail rate at which t rice of this consignment may be sold, besides addi freight and carthire to the cost price of the cons ment, establishment and other incidental charges h also been asked to be taken into account as per pa graph 6 of your circular letter No.4110 dated 28th February 1920. Even without adding such establishr and other incidental charges, the retail rate works at Rs.20-8-10 per palla as detailed below:-

Cost of 1,43,550 lbs. (or 574.20 pallas at Rs.17-6-0 per 225 lbs. net.	Rs.	11,08
Deduct the amount realizable by the sale of 650 gunnies @ 0-6-0 a gunny		24
		10,84
Add freight & carthire paid as per statement referred to above		96
Total	Rs.	11,80

Cost per palla 11801-12-6 / 574.20 or Rs. 20-8-

3. As regards adding establishment and other incidental charges it does not seem feasible to the exact amount chargeable to each consignment they can only be ascertained after the consignme

consignments are actually conveyed to and sold b the various depots. So it is not clear how this uncertain and fluctuating item has to be forecas for ascertaining at what exact rate the rice can sold.

4. Even apart from such depot and inciden charges the xxxxxx retail rate of Rs.20-8-10 as out in para 2 above, does not permit the sale of rice at 5 seers the rupee. In several of my com cations to you, I have been explaining why it is desirable to sell foreign rice in our municipal

considerations, I request you to kindly place th before Government and obtain their formal sancti sell Rangoon rice at not less than 5 seers and b rice at 7 seers the rupee in the Municipal Depot this City irrespective of their cost price, taki consideration the local conditions as well as th that the issue of this rice is confined only to poor.

5. In anticipation of such sanction, I h been placing very small quantities in the depots 5 seers the rupee, inasmuch as the poor are very hit and cannot obtain anywhere in the open mark either local rice, ragi or jolam at any reasonab nor in sufficient quantities.

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No. 5202

Date of issue.... 8/4

Signed by.....

To
The Food Controller
Rangoon

With reference to your letter No C 225 of 19th March 1920 regarding the proposal of the President Rangoon Municipal Committee to sell in the Rangoon City Burma wheat and broken at rates not less than 5 ~~annas~~

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IN REPLY REFER TO
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Tel. Address
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OFFICE OF THE FOOD CONTROLLER AND
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SUPPLIES IN MYSORE,

FILE NO.

Bangalore, Dated 19th April 1920

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FROM

K. MATTHAN ESQ., B.A.,
Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

To

C . S . Balasundaram Iyer Esqr., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. G. 23200-P.P. 6-19-304 dated the 8th instant, I have the honor to submit herewith for the orders of Government copy of letter No. 877 of the 16th instant, from the President, Mysore City Municipality, regarding the sale of the last consignment of Burma rice at Mysore at 5 seers a rupee. As far as I can see there is no prospect of Burma rice being obtained at a price that would admit of its being sold in Mysore at 5 seers a rupee.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Food Controller and Director
Civil Supplies in Mysore.

D.O. Letter No. 877 dated 16th April 1920 from the President City Municipal Council, Mysore to The Food Controller and Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore.

I have received your Memo No. 4633 dated 10th April 1920 forwarding a copy of Chief Secretary's letter No. G. 23200 P.P. 6-19-304 dated 8th idem, stating that Government are not in favor of selling Burma rice at rates less than the cost price.

In several of my communications to you on this subje I have explained why it is not desirable to sell Burma rice at anything less than 5 seers the rupee in the Municipal Depots in this City.

3. The rice merchants here regulate their price of commodities with reference to the quantity of stock we hold in our stores, rather than in accordance with demand and supply. It has become customary with many of them to go to the Railway station every day to make enquiries about the arrival of consignments to the Food Department; and whenever our stock gets depleted or is late in arrival, they invariably enhance the price of their stock. Because we have been selling at 5 seers the rupee, they have stuck up to 4 and 4½ seers and never cheaper, but have at such intervals raised to 3¾ and 4 seers the rupee. If we now raise the price of foreign rice to 4½ seers they will further rise the price of local rice to 3½ to 4 seers.

4. As you are aware, the sale of Burma rice in our Depots is confined to the poorest of the poor. If the price of it is enhanced, and with it the price of local rice which is already abnormally high risk, not only such poor, but al the middle and all other buying classes will greatly suffer.

That will be the inevitable result of foreign rice (brought with the object of helping the people) competing against the local rice(which is not not to be had in plenty, but merely held back in sulk as it were, or largely exported rather than supply markets at fair price).

5. The state of rice market in Mysore City as compared with that of Bangalore is some-what anamolous. Owing to shorter freight to Bangalore, Burma rice can be sold at cheaper rates than here; and though we are in the midst of rice producing tracts and of plenty, by reason of the dog-in-the-manger policy of the merchants neither local rice nor foreign rice can be had here at reasonable rates! and thus all our experiments, trouble and loss to help the people is rendered nugatory. It now only remains to be seen if any anti-profiteering Regualtion will have any effect.

6. The recent consignments of Burma rice, if calculated with establishment charges, does not permit of being sold at more than 4½ seers the rupee. If it is sold at that rate, apart from the whole city beginning to complain, the merchants will be the foremost not only to enhance their prices and fan their temper but also to assume an exaggerated attitude of injuria personæ. The net result will be far from agreeble, which I am most anxious not to cause at the Capital, and especially at the present moment.

7. I submitted the whole situation to the Dewan this morning and he has been pleased to permit the sale of the present consignment of rice at 5 seers the rupee. Kindly therefore communicate with Government and obtain their formal approval in the matter. The stock of this rice now is 879. 63 pallas and by selling it at 5 seers the rupee, there may be a loss of nearly

Rs 900.

8. Unless your future consignments can work out to not less than 5 seers the rupee, for reasons stated herein, we need not import them here. The present stock I have, will, I expect, take us till the end of His Highness the Maharaja's Birthday festivities, and should there be any diffculty during the Birthday week, I shall take a small quantity from Bangalore Depot, if by then you have not received any cheaper consignment

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General and Revenue Secretariat

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue..... 6/5

Signed by..... B.M.

Read—

Correspondence ending with the Chief Secy's letter No. G 23200/P.P 6-19-304 dt 8th April 1920 to the Commissioner in Mysore stating that the proposal of the President-Mysore Agency to sell Bibma ride in the Mysore Gate at rates that Gate are not in favour of selling unpaid rice at rates less than ~~Order Thereon—No.~~ the cost price vide letter No. 5007 dt the April 1920 from the Commissioner in Mysore Sub-

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The address of Govt a copy of letter
877 of 16th April 1920 from
the President, Myaungmya
enquiring the sale
the last consignment of
Burma rice at Myaungmya at 5
seers a rupee -

Order - £25350-8

Govt are pleased to
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the sale of the present
consignment of Burma
rice at Myaung (879.63
gallais) at 5 seers to
rupee -

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The President, Myaungmya
The Comptroller

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